

RICH GIRLS AFRAID TO GET MARRIED, SAYS DOROTHY DIX

Fear of Fortune Hunters Keeps Most of Them Old Maids.

By DOROTHY DIX.

Pity the poor, rich girl, for she is the stepchild of Cupid.

A young woman who was born with not only the traditional gold spoon in her mouth, but with whole sets of them, said to me the other day that she was beset with a double fear—the fear that she would be an old maid because of her fear of being married for her money.

The price that we rich girls pay for our fortunes," she said, "is that we never have the joy of knowing that we are loved for ourselves alone. From the time we are babies we have it drilled into us that men will try to marry us for our money, and we grow so suspicious that we see a fortune-hunter in everyone who approaches us.

"I look at myself in the mirror, and see a woman who is certainly as good looking and attractive as the ordinary. I have been well educated, I have traveled widely, and I am sure I am quite as interesting as most of the women I meet.

"I have had a good many offers of marriage, but I have never accepted any of them. I have instead of what I am, so I never see myself as the angel of some man's dreams, but only as his meat ticket.

"As a matter of fact, no girls in the world have as poor a chance to make a happy marriage, or to marry worth-while men, as we rich girls. For one thing, we have no chance to get acquainted with the young men who are going to do the great things, and be the big men of tomorrow. They are hard at work in offices, and shops, and counting it in far places. They are not hanging around the gilded resorts where we go, and so nearly all of the men we know are the idle sons of rich fathers—men whose only accomplishment consists in wasting and spending the hard-earned dollars of their dad-dies. They are purposeless in life, spoiled, blasé, always on the lookout for a new sensation, and so it's no wonder that when we marry there's generally a divorce coupon attached to the marriage license.

"A poor young man of the right sort seldom pays any attention to a rich girl because, for one thing, he doesn't want to be dependent on his wife—a sort of a household pet that she seizes upon as she would a new and expensive lap dog. Also, he knows that, whether it is true or not, he will be accused of being a fortune-hunter, and his pride will not suffer that.

"So there we rich girls are! We want to be loved, we want the sort of husbands who do things, and of whom we can be proud. We want poor homes, with the men whose whole hearts are ours, and we find that not the richest of us has got money enough to buy that.

"For you can't purchase the greatest thing in the world over the counter, and many and many a poor woman who hasn't a second dress to her back has got something that dozens of millionaires would give their eyes and teeth for.

"The absolute certainty that she is loved for herself alone, and that the man who married her wanted just her—and not her bank account.

"Have you ever wondered why there are so many rich old maids? It is because the woman with money is afraid to marry?

"I think you exaggerate the danger," replied the woman with whom the rich girl was speaking. "For one thing, American men are not fortune hunters as a rule. There are too many opportunities in this country for a man to make money for himself, for all he has to do is to sell his birthright for a mess of pottage.

"The man who marries for a living pays the highest board on earth, and there are mighty few American men who wouldn't rather work than be a parasite on a wealthy wife. So generally are men of this opinion that I have never known a very wealthy girl who was a belle, not even with all the charms in the shape of feet, and theater tickets, and automobiles, that her family handed out with every ticket of admission.

"But suppose a man is influenced in marrying you for your fortune? Every woman is married because of some particular charm that attracts a man. One woman is married because of her beauty. In a few years she is bound to lose that. Another allures a man by her wit and wit. In ten years it is gone, and she is either a feather bed or a living skeleton.

"A man is lured into matrimony by a girl's vivacity and gaiety. Life alters, and she becomes the most joyous of us. A girl may be married for any one of a thousand fugitive charms that are bound to fade away in the stress of matrimony.

"But if a man married a girl because of her money, she has got a charm for him that can't be taken away, nor custom stale. She's got something to conjure with, for the time will never come when he will grow weary of the things that money buys, and as long as she keeps her money in her own hands, she is sure of holding her husband's interest and keeping him always on his best behavior toward her.

"So marry your man and keep a strangle hold on your pocketbook, and while you never know for certain that your husband loves you, or yourself alone, you will be certain of a devotion that other women will envy, and she is a foolish woman who looks a gift horse in the mouth."

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of their daughter, Mrs. Helena Boyd White, who for the past three years has resided in this city, to John Linus Kelly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kelly of Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Kelly is a charter member of the Atlantic City Yacht Club and is well known socially. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and during the world war served as lieutenant with the American air force.

Dr. and Mrs. K. T. Bristol will be hosts at dinner at Wardman Park Hotel this evening.

WOMEN ARMY ADVISERS LEAVE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Thomas G. Winter and Mrs. Katherine P. Edson, who have stayed at the National Club of University Women during their attendance at the armament conference have left Washington for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Winter will return to the club house early next week, while Mrs. Edson will stay with Mrs. Pinchot during the remaining weeks of the conference.

Mrs. Edson describes her arduous duties as "really a rest" since they are so different from her usual occupation of determining hours and wages for the working women of California. She has particularly enjoyed meeting the people in public life, whom she had read but whom she had never met "way out in California."

Dr. Hubert Work, first assistant postmaster general, and Mrs. Work, who reside at Wardman Park Hotel, will entertain at dinner there this evening. There will be covers for thirty.

Robert Wilberforce will go to New York to spend Christmas.

The West Point cadets and the midshipmen from the Naval Academy will give a ball tonight at the New Willard. Many army and navy officers in Washington will attend, as well as a number of others of prominence.

W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General, entertained Dr. Hubert Work, Col. Edward H. Shaughnessy and Harry H. Billany, Assistant Postmaster General, at luncheon at the New Willard yesterday.

Dr. Karol Lisniewski, of the Polish Legation, and Mme. Lisniewska entertained a small company at luncheon at the Shoreham yesterday, when their guests included the counselor of the legation and Mme. Kwapiszewska.

William Phelps Eno and Mrs. George E. Eno entertained at a tea yesterday afternoon in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Skinner.

Miss Eugenia Holcombe entertained a small company at luncheon yesterday in honor of Miss Cornelia Skinner.

Lieut. Col. Harry N. Coates, stationed at Fort Myer, has been ordered to the cavalry school at Fort Riley, Kans.

PROMINENT PATRONESSES FOR GREAT CARD PARTY.

Announcement was made yesterday of the brilliant list of patronesses of the great card party to be held at Wardman Park Inn, Monday afternoon, January 9. This has come to be an annual event and the success which attended the one held last year when all records were broken for attendance, has caused a large advance sale of tickets. The entire proceeds are to be devoted to the Eastern Dispensary and Casualty Hospital, 708 Massachusetts Avenue, northeast, which handles all emergency cases for 51 per cent of the population of the District.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding heads the list of patronesses, this year, among the others who will lend their support are Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Lady Geddes, Mme. Grouitch, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Howard Hughes, Mrs. James Wadsworth, Jr., Mrs. Thomas W. Harrison, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. James C. Cantrell, Mrs. John H. Smithwick, Mrs. James Carroll Frazier, Mrs. Howard Hodes, Mrs. William Eric Fournier, Mrs. George Oakley Totten, Mrs. C. E. Sawyer, Mrs. Theodore Tiller, Mrs. Lyman B. Stormstedt, Mrs. Thomas Watt Gregory.

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COLORED BANDITS STAGE HOLD-UPS

Two negroes staged a series of hold-ups, one in broad daylight, and ended capture by the police yesterday. Jacob Harris, of the cigar store in the Congressional apartment house, at First and East Capitol streets, furnished the thieves the largest loot of any of the hold-ups. They were at the point of a revolver yesterday morning, he was forced to watch the men take \$150 and escape.

VICTIM'S SCREAMS SCARE ROBBERS

Striking him over the head with an empty bottle, when he refused to surrender the contents of his cash register, two colored men attempted to rob Abram Deskin, 128 Second Street southwest, shortly after dusk yesterday.

Screaming as he was struck and cut on the head, the storekeeper dashed away the hold-up men. Deskin received treatment, his wound at the Casualty Hospital.

CHURCHES PLAN SPECIAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Patrick's Cathedral Will Hold Mass at Midnight.

Special programs of Christmas music and carols will be given in all of the churches in Washington tomorrow. Many of the churches will be attended by celebrated foreign guests who are in Washington for the arms conference and spending Christmas far from their homes.

Roman Catholic churches will celebrate special masses at midnight. St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral will include in its service a sanctuary choir which will sing Gregorian chants. At communion Christmas carols in English will be sung. The musical program at the 11 o'clock mass tomorrow will be the same as tomorrow.

At St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, a choir of forty male voices will sing Christmas carols at the 11 o'clock mass.

A chorus of trained voices with Mrs. Lillian Bennett, soloist, will give a program during the 11 o'clock services tomorrow at the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church of Petworth.

The Lutheran Church, St. Paul's, will celebrate Christmas with a 7 o'clock service at which Mrs. Henri Coquette, soprano, will sing old carols and other soloists and the choir will give a program during the services under the direction of Ervino Stenson. Miss Anie Anstad will accompany on the organ.

The first service in the new building of All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, will be held tonight at 11:30 when Holy Communion will be celebrated. On Christmas day there will be services at 7:30 a. m. and at 10:30 a. m. old English carols will be the feature of the musical program, arranged under the direction of W. C. Taylor, organist.

Mrs. George A. Miller and choir of the Ninth Street Christian Church will sing anthems and carols at the morning services tomorrow.

An unusual program will be given tomorrow at the morning, afternoon and evening services of the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest. Miss Dorothy Coates, harpist, and Miss Helen Gerer, violinist, will assist the soloists and choir. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Capanole and Mrs. Gold D. Hutchins will sing selections from "Messiah."

The Centennial Baptist Church will conduct Christmas services in the morning at 10:30 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Ben Shreve, soprano, Mrs. Helen McLeod Clift, A. A. Potter and W. S. Lines comprise a quartet to sing Christmas carols under the direction of John Russell Mason, organist.

The Immanuel Baptist Church choir will render special Christmas music tomorrow morning, and the Calvary Baptist Church will give morning and evening recitals of Christmas music with a quartet composed of Miss Gladys Price, Mrs. William T. Reed, William Raymond and Fred East.

The Fifth Baptist Church will have two Christmas services tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. when Christmas carols and hymns will be sung by a trained choir under the direction of William J. Palmer, with Miss Emma Louise Thompson at the organ.

Three Christmas services will be given tomorrow at the Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church. At 6 p. m. a special service for children with appropriate music will be given, and at the other two services, 11 o'clock a. m. and at 8 o'clock p. m. there will be musical services by the Foundry choir under the direction of Prof. Anton Kaspar.

St. Andrew's P. E. Church will hold services with Christmas music at 11 o'clock a. m. and in the evening. The soloists who will take part are Miss Gladys Thomas, Warren L. Terry, Miss Margaret Dudley and Benjamin Y. Morrison.

A vested choir of men and boys will sing at 11 o'clock and again at 8 o'clock p. m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth street, between H and I north-east.

The Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South Ninth street and Massachusetts Avenue northwest, will have a special Christmas musical service program tomorrow evening, under the direction of R. Deane Shute.

A special song service will be given tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. by the choir of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on M street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest.

The Lincoln Road Methodist Episcopal Church choir has prepared a special program of Christmas music. The program of music for Christmas Day at the Calvary M. E. Church will include numbers by a quartet under the direction of George H. Miller assisted by Miss Estella Thomas, violinist, Walter Nash, cellist, and Miss Nell McMillan, pianist.

The Hamline M. E. Church will have appropriate Christmas music programs at both afternoon and evening services, with a quartet composed of Miss Clara Young, Miss Eleanor Kittredge, Clarence Lewis and William Shumacker. Miss Edith B. Athey is organist and director.

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This marks the first attempt in the world, so far as is known, to send by this radiotelephone, bulletins on health. These messages will be prepared by members of the Public Health Service and sent out twice a week—on Tuesday at 4:15 p. m. Washington time, on 1,100 meters wave length, and on Friday at 9 p. m. Washington time, wave length 350 meters.

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